

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 9, 2009, the Office considered claims 1-3 and 5-17. With this Response, Applicants amend claim 1 to incorporate the elements of claim 6; cancel claim 6; amend claims 7 and 14 to depend from claim 1 instead of canceled claim 6, and cancel claims 9-11 and 15. Applicants also amend claims 5, 12, and 13, to refer to the inclusion of component (C), which is recited in claim 1.

All claims depend ultimately from claim 1, the only independent claim.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating consideration of the English language Abstract of JP 5-262862 in the Advisory Action.

Claim Objections

The Action objects to claim 9 as being an improper dependent claim for failing to further limit the claim from which it depends.

In response, without agreeing with the Office's characterization, Applicants cancel claim 9 and claims 10 and 11, which depend from claim 9. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) or 103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5, and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over, JP 2003-020398. The Office Action rejects claims 12 and

13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as allegedly obvious over JP 2003-020398, “optionally” in view of Principles of Polymer Processing text (hereinafter “Principles text”). The Action objects to claims 6, 7, and 14-17 as depending from a base rejected claim, but indicates such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all elements of the base rejected claims.

With this response, Applicants amend claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 6. Applicants note that claim 1 is further amended to clarify the language in view of the amendment and avoid redundancies, as claim 6 modifies the formula for calculating the crystallization enthalpy. Claims 5, 12, and 13 are also amended to refer to component (C), now recited in claim 1.

As the Office had indicated the subject matter of claim 6 was allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment renders allowable all pending claims, which now include the elements of previous claim 6.

Advisory Action

The Action indicates that the prior amendment could not be entered because it raised new issues, particularly with respect to claims 5, 12, 13, and 15. With this Supplemental Response, Applicants amend claims 5, 12, and 13, and cancel claim 15, thereby addressing the issues raised by the Examiner in the Advisory Action.

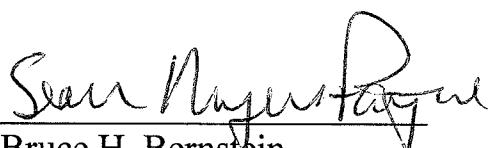
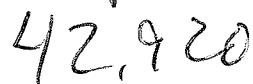
Applicants thank the Examiner for his prompt treatment of the prior response and issuance of the Advisory Action.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of the claims. If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to further discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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